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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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Re: Application of Hiroaki NASU, Wataru MATSUTANI, Chiaki KUMADA,  
Katsunari NINOMIYA  
GLOW PLUG AND SPARK PLUG, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREFOR  
**Assignee: NGK SPARK PLUG CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q80238

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/176,004 (Confirmation No.1214) filed June 21, 2002 of Hiroaki NASU, Wataru MATSUTANI, Chiaki KUMADA, Katsunari NINOMIYA entitled GLOW PLUG AND SPARK PLUG, AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREFOR, which is a divisional of Application No. 09/790,655 filed February 23, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,437,493, which is a divisional of Serial No. 09/514,200, filed February 25, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,236,148).

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 20 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement, and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2879.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	P. Hei. 11-49018	February 25, 1999
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The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/514,200.



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CONTINUATION OF Appln No. 10/176,004

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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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